

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A Notice of Appeal in response to a final rejection was filed on June 1, 2005. A petition for a five-month extension of the term for filing the appeal brief, to and including January 6, 2006, is transmitted herewith.

The present amendment cancels claims 1-3, the only rejected claims in the case. Such amendment is clearly enterable pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b)(1).

In addition, the cross-reference to related applications paragraph of the present specification has been amended by the present amendment to conform the text to the correct priority claim already reflected in the Filing Receipt mailed June 6, 2001. No new matter has been added by this amendment.

The Examiner's indication that remaining claims 4-10 are allowed is noted with appreciation.

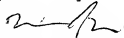
In view of the foregoing cancellation of claims 1-3, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of those claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which she might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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Respectfully submitted,

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